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ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS,  
STATEMENT AFTER RECEIVING KEY TO  
MADRID, AND LUNCHEON AND DINNER TOASTS

FOLLOWING ARE DRAFTS OF THE SUBJECT STATEMENTS AND  
TOASTS:

ARRIVAL STATEMENT

GENERALISIMO FRANCO, MRS. FRANCO, YOUR ROYAL HIGH-  
NESSES, FRIENDS OF SPAIN AND OF THE UNITED STATES:

I BEGIN MY VISIT TO SPAIN WITH THE DEEP SATISFAC-  
TION THAT COMES FROM RENEWING AND UNDERLINING THE  
TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP AND TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUN-  
TRIES, AND WITH A SENSE OF PRIVILEGE THAT I WILL ONCE  
AGAIN ENJOY THE WARMTH AND HOSPITALITY FOR WHICH SPAIN  
IS SO RIGHTLY FAMOUS.

MY LAST VISIT TO SPAIN WAS AT A TIME OF MOURNING IN  
THE CLOSING DAYS OF 1973, WHEN I CAME TO SAY FAREWELL TO  
A FALLEN LEADER. I COME NOW ON A HAPPIER OCCASION, AND I  
LOOK FORWARD WITH KEEN INTEREST TO OUR DISCUSSIONS ON THE  
ISSUES WE FACE TOGETHER.

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THIS IS A TIME OF CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, THE  
RANGE AND SWEEP OF WHICH COULD NOT HAVE BEEN IMAGINED

THEN, JUST 18 MONTHS AGO. WE SHALL RESPOND TO THESE NEW CHALLENGES AS WE MUST, BOTH INDIVIDUALLY, IN OUR OWN WAYS, AND TOGETHER, COOPERATIVELY. AND WE SHALL NOT BE FOUND WANTING.

I SAY THAT WE SHALL NOT BE FOUND WANTING, BECAUSE I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE FIBER OF OUR PEOPLES, IN THE STRENGTH AND ADAPTABILITY OF OUR INSTITUTIONS, AND IN OUR CONTINUING ABILITY TO WORK TOGETHER IN THE PURSUIT OF OUR COMMON INTERESTS.

THE DIGNITY, PRIDE AND RESILIENCE OF THE SPANISH PEOPLE HAVE BEEN FORGED OVER A HISTORY MUCH LONGER THAN THAT OF THE UNITED STATES. SPAIN AND ITS PEOPLE CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO THE FOUNDING AND THE CULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES, AND BOTH SPAIN AND THE U.S. CAN BE PROUD OF THESE CONTRIBUTIONS. MODERN HISTORY, AS WELL AS THE HISTORY OF CENTURIES PAST, ATTESTS TO THE DYNAMISM OF SPANISH SOCIETY AND INSTITUTIONS.

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR ITS PART, IS ONE OF CONSTANT, INNOVATIVE AND POSITIVE RESPONSE TO CHALLENGE AND CHANGE, INSPIRED BY THE STRENGTH OF OUR FOUNDERS AND THE FREEDOMS WITHIN THE LAW THAT THEY BEQUEATHED TO US.

NO TWO NATIONS ARE THE SAME; AND OURS ARE NOT. BUT THEY ARE BOTH STRONG, PROUD, AND DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN THEIR OWN INDEPENDENCE. AND THEIR HISTORIES ARE INTERTWINED, TO OUR GREAT MUTUAL BENEFIT. AND OUR PEOPLES SEEK THE SAME OBJECTIVES OF PEACE, PROGRESS AND FREEDOM. IT IS RIGHT, THEREFORE, THAT OUR FUTURES -- AND INDEED THOSE OF ALL THE NATIONS OF EUROPE AND THE AMERICAS -- BE INTERTWINED IN THE COOPERATIVE PURSUIT OF THESE PURPOSES.

MY VISIT TO SPAIN IS ABOVE ALL A RECOGNITION OF SPAIN'S SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE AS A FRIEND AND PARTNER OF THE UNITED STATES. BY GEOGRAPHY AND BY HISTORY SPAIN  
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TAKES ITS LOGICAL PLACE IN THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY. TO THIS COMMUNITY SPAIN ALSO BRINGS A UNIQUE MEDITERRANEAN VANTAGE POINT. FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS SPAIN HAS SHARED WITH AMERICA AND WITH EUROPE THE COMMON OBJECTIVES AND COMMON BURDENS OF PROMOTING THE PROSPERITY AND SECURITY OF THE ATLANTIC AND MEDITERRANEAN. IT CAN BE PROUD THAT IT HAS DONE SO, AND OF THE BENEFITS FOR IT AND OTHERS THAT HAVE RESULTED.

YOUR EXCELLENCIES, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESSES, FRIENDS:

IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO BRING TO YOU THE GREETINGS AND  
HIGH REGARD OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR SPAIN,  
A NATION THAT HAS BEEN A FRIEND AND A CONSTANT PARTNER IN  
DEFENSE, AND WHOSE PEOPLE WE GREATLY ADMIRE. I KNOW THAT  
OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL TOGETHER SUCCESSFULLY MEET THE  
CHALLENGES AND CHANGES OF THE YEARS AHEAD.

STATEMENT AFTER RECEIVING KEY TO THE CITY OF MADRID

MR. MAYOR, YOUR EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

MRS. FORD AND I HAVE BEEN VERY DEEPLY TOUCHED BY  
THE FRIENDLINESS AND WARMTH WHICH HAS MARKED OUR ARRIVAL  
IN SPAIN. THIS WARMTH WAS SO EVIDENT IN THE GRACIOUS  
WELCOME ACCORDED US BY THE CHIEF OF STATE AND BY THE  
SPANISH PEOPLE AS WE ENTERED THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY.

MANY AMERICANS ARE FAMILIAR WITH THAT PHRASE WHICH  
IS THE HALLMARK OF SPANISH HOSPITALITY, " YOU ARE IN YOUR  
HOME" -- "ESTA USTED EN SU CASA." IN ACCEPTING THIS KEY  
TO THE CITY OF MADRID, I HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE TO FEEL  
COMPLETELY AT HOME.

BUT THIS KEY MAY REPRESENT MORE THAN HOSPITALITY.  
PERHAPS IT SIGNIFIES AS WELL THE OPENING OF NEW DOORS TO  
GREATER ACHIEVEMENTS IN BRINGING THE SPANISH AND AMERICAN  
PEOPLES CLOSER TOGETHER AND IN BUILDING UPON THE FRIEND-  
SHIP WE ALREADY SHARE AS WE FACE CONTINUING AND NEW  
CHALLENGES. THIS IS MY HOPE, THIS IS THE PURPOSE OF MY  
VISIT HERE, AND IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT I ACCEPT THIS  
KEY TO YOUR GREAT CAPITAL CITY.

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

LUNCHEON TOAST

MR. PRESIDENT, MR. MINISTER, YOUR EXCELLENCIES:

SINCE 1953 -- ALMOST 25 YEARS AGO -- SPAIN AND THE  
UNITED STATES HAVE ENJOYED AN UNINTERRUPTED AND CLOSE  
RELATIONSHIP, CHARACTERIZED BY OUR COMMON EFFORTS TO MEET  
THE THREAT OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THE WESTERN COMMUNITY OF  
NATIONS, AND SUPPORTED BY MUTUAL RESPECT AND CONCERN FOR  
THE ASPIRATIONS OF OUR RESPECTIVE PEOPLES TO SECURE FOR  
THEMSELVES A BETTER LIFE. MINDFUL AS WE HAVE BEEN OF  
EACH OTHERS' CONCERNS AND NEEDS, WE HAVE FORGED TOGETHER,  
I BELIEVE, A REMARKABLY HARMONIOUS ERA OF COOPERATION.

ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF OUR MEETING TOGETHER TODAY,

THEN, IS TO RE-AFFIRM OUR DESIRES THAT THIS COOPERATION  
CONTINUE TO BE HARMONIOUS, FRUITFUL, AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL.

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WHILE THE WORLD HAS CHANGED SINCE 1953, THE DANGER  
OF AGGRESSION HAS NOT LESSENED. IT IS AS GREAT AS BEFORE  
AND ALSO MORE COMPLEX. THE THREAT IS BOTH FROM OUTSIDE  
OUR BORDERS AND FROM WITHIN. IF IN 1953 CHALLENGES TO  
OUR SECURITY CALLED FOR STRENGTH AND RESOLUTION, THE CALL  
IS PERHAPS EVEN MORE COMPELLING TODAY. DETENTE IS BASED  
ON A MUTUAL RESPECT FOR STRENGTH, NOT ON DISDAIN FOR THE  
OTHER'S WEAKNESS. MEANWHILE, INTERNAL CHALLENGES REQUIRE  
ADAPTATION TO CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES.

THUS, IF SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE IN THE  
PAST SHARED IN THE RESPONSIBILITY AND EFFORT TO MAINTAIN  
A STRONG WESTERN DEFENSE COMMUNITY, THE PRESENT CALLS FOR  
NO LESS AN EFFORT. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE PEOPLE OF  
THE UNITED STATES REMAIN DEDICATED TO THIS TASK AND WILL  
NOT FAIL TO MEET THE RESPONSIBILITIES THEY HAVE CONTINUED  
TO BEAR FOR SO MANY YEARS NOW. THUS, TOO, IN ORDER TO  
MAINTAIN STRENGTH AND COHESION, OUR COUNTRIES MUST CON-  
TINUALLY RESPOND TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES AND CHALLENGES  
WITHIN OUR RESPECTIVE SOCIETIES.

MR. PRESIDENT, I AM CONSTANTLY RECEIVING A GREAT  
DEAL OF ADVICE FROM A MULTITUDE OF SOURCES ON PRECISELY  
HOW I SHOULD RESPOND TO THE CHALLENGES OF OUR TIMES. I  
WILL NOT MAKE THE MISTAKE OF OFFERING YOU ADVICE. I WILL

ONLY SAY THAT I HAVE HEARD MANY GOOD THINGS ABOUT THE  
STRENGTH AND IMAGINATION THAT YOU HAVE SHOWN IN LEADING  
YOUR GOVERNMENT IN CHANGING TIMES, AND YOU HAVE MY BEST  
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WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS.

MR. PRESIDENT, I WOULD RAISE MY GLASS AND PROPOSE  
A TOAST TO THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP THAT HAS MARKED THE  
MUTUAL EFFORTS OF OUR TWO PEOPLES OVER THE LONG ERA OF  
COOPERATION BETWEEN US. MAY THIS COOPERATION BE PRE-  
SERVED AND STRENGTHENED; MAY IT ASSURE PEACE FOR SPAN-  
IARDS AND AMERICANS ALIKE; MAY OUR EFFORTS INDIVIDUALLY  
AND TOGETHER GIVE OUR PEOPLES THE PROGRESS, FREEDOM AND  
WELL-BEING THEY DESIRE; AND MAY THE COOPERATION OF OUR  
TWO COUNTRIES BE ENRICHED BY THE HUMAN AFFECTION AND  
WARMTH WHICH THE AMERICANS AND SPANISH PEOPLES HAVE  
ALWAYS FELT FOR EACH OTHER.

DINNER TOAST

GENERALISIMO FRANCO, MRS. FRANCO, YOUR ROYAL HIGH-  
NESSES, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND FRIENDS:

IN 1953 OUR TWO NATIONS EMBARKED ON A COOPERATIVE  
RELATIONSHIP DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN THEIR OWN SECURITY  
AND THAT OF THEIR PEOPLES. THAT RELATIONSHIP HAS SUC-  
CEEDED IN ITS PURPOSES OVER A QUARTER OF A CENTURY. THE  
SECURITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE NATIONS OF THE ATLANTIC  
COMMUNITY HAS BEEN PRESERVED. THOSE NATIONS HAVE PROS-  
PERED IN A MANNER THAT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED --  
NOR PERHAPS EVEN HOPED FOR -- 25 YEARS AGO. THEIR  
SOCIETIES HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED IN THE PROCESS. MY  
NATION AND YOURS HAVE BENEFITTED IMMENSELY.

BUT THE CHALLENGE IS NOT PAST. IT CONTINUES AND IS  
MORE COMPLEX NOW THAN BEFORE. WE ARE AND SHOULD BE  
FIERCELY PROUD OF OUR INDEPENDENCE, BUT WE ARE MORE  
INTER-DEPENDENT THAN EVER. WE ARE AND SHOULD BE PROUD  
OF OUR PAST, BUT WE MUST ADAPT TO THE PRESENT AND LOOK  
TO THE FUTURE. IF WE ARE TO MAINTAIN OUR SECURITY, PRE-  
SERVE OUR PROGRESS, AND BUILD ON WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED TO  
MEET THE NEEDS OF TOMORROW, WE MUST CONTINUE OUR COOPERA-  
TION. WE ARE DETERMINED THAT THIS WILL BE DONE.

WE ARE NOT ALONE IN THIS EFFORT. BOTH OUR NATIONS  
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ARE PARTS OF AN ATLANTIC COMMUNITY WHOSE PEOPLES HAVE THE SAME PURPOSES. WE ARE BOTH NOW MEMBERS OF WORLD ORGANIZATIONS HAVING THE PURPOSE OF INCREASED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN AN INCREASINGLY INTERDEPENDENT WORLD. THOSE EUROPEAN AND WORLD TIES SHOULD BE CONTINUALLY BROADENED AND STRENGTHENED. WE ARE DETERMINED THAT THEY SHALL BE.

YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE WARMTH OF THE WELCOME GIVEN ME TODAY BY YOU AND BY THE PEOPLE OF SPAIN HAS BEEN IN THE HIGHEST TRADITION OF SPANISH HOSPITALITY. FOR ME THIS DELIGHTFUL DINNER IN SPLENDID SURROUNDINGS WITH SO MANY FRIENDS HAS BEEN THE CLIMAX OF A DAY FILLED WITH DEEPLY MOVING EXPERIENCES -- FROM WITNESSING THE OUTPOURING OF AFFECTION OF THE SPANISH PEOPLE IN THE STREETS OF MADRID TO RENEWING MY FRIENDSHIPS WITH GENERALISIMO FRANCO AND PRINCE JUAN CARLOS AND TO EXCHANGING IDEAS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A MOST PROFITABLE WAY WITH PRESIDENT ARIAS NAVARRO. THESE WERE REWARDING EXPERIENCES THAT MRS. FORD AND I PERSONALLY WILL LONG TREASURE AND WHICH ARE ELOQUENT TESTIMONY TO THE DEPTH OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

I LIFT MY GLASS TO THE PARTNERSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN, TO THEIR CONTINUING FRIENDSHIP, TO GENERALISIMO FRANCO, TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE JUAN CARLOS, AND TO THE SPANISH PEOPLE.

#### DEPARTURE STATEMENT

UPON OUR DEPARTURE FROM SPAIN, MRS. FORD AND I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR PROFOUND GRATITUDE TO GENERALISIMO AND MRS. FRANCO, TO PRINCE JUAN CARLOS AND PRINCESS SOFIA, TO PRESIDENT AND MRS. ARIAS, AND TO THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT AND TO THE SPANISH PEOPLE FOR THE WONDERFUL RECEPTION AND HOSPITALITY ACCORDED US ON OUR ALL TOO BRIEF VISIT TO YOUR GREAT NATION'S CAPITAL. THE MEMORIES OF OUR STAY AMONG YOU, THE WARMTH WITH WHICH WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, THE CORDIAL, FRANK AND PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS I HAVE HAD WITH YOUR HIGHEST OFFICIALS, THE FRIENDSHIP WHICH WE HAVE EVERYWHERE FOUND FOR THE UNITED STATES, CONFIDENTIAL  
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HAVE MADE OUR VISIT TO MADRID AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE WHICH WE SHALL ALWAYS CHERISH.

IN THIS TIME OF FLUX, THE WORLD IS LOOKING QUESTIONINGLY TO ITS FUTURE. I HAVE NO DOUBT OF THE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE SPAIN WILL PLAY IN THAT FUTURE, IN THE WORLD AS A WHOLE, AND PARTICULARLY IN THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY. SPAIN IS A PART, GEOGRAPHICALLY

AND HISTORICALLY, OF EUROPE, AND A PART OF THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY. IT SHOULD, AND I AM CONVINCED WILL, HAVE AN INCREASING ROLE IN THE COUNCILS OF EUROPEAN AND ATLANTIC ORGANIZATIONS.

ONCE AGAIN I SAY, ON BEHALF OF MRS. FORD AND MYSELF, HOW HONORED WE HAVE FELT TO VISIT SPAIN, AND HOW APPRECIATIVE WE ARE OF THE WONDERFUL WELCOME EXTENDED TO US AT ALL LEVELS AND DURING EVERY MOMENT OF OUR STAY. LIKE THE MILLIONS OF OUR FELLOW AMERICANS WHO HAVE VISITED SPAIN BEFORE US, WE LEAVE WITH REGRET. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT WE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN TO SPEND MORE LEISURELY THE TIME ONE MUST HAVE TRULY TO APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY AND VARIETY OF YOUR FASCINATING LAND.  
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